

SANTA ANITA PARK - May 23, 2026 - Race 2

MAIDEN SPECIAL WEIGHT - Thoroughbred

FOR CALIFORNIA BRED OR CALIFORNIA SIRE MAIDENS, FILLIES TWO YEARS OLD. Weight, 120 lbs. (Winning Owner to Receive \$12,500 From CTBA). (S)

Distance: Four And One Half Furlongs On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Found Money - 50.89 - May 15, 2015)

Purse: \$65,000

Plus: \$1,500 Other Sources

Available Money: \$66,500

Value of Race: \$66,500 1st \$39,000, 2nd \$13,000, 3rd \$7,800, 4th \$3,900, 5th \$1,300, 6th \$500, 7th \$500, 8th \$500

Weather: Clear, 79° **Track:** Fast

Off at: 1:32 **Start:** Good for all except 6 **Timing Method:** Electronic

[Video Race Replay](#)

[GPS Race Chart](#)

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
---	6	Free Closer (Geroux, Florent)	120	--	4	8	7 ⁶	4 ^{1/2}	1 ^{Nose}	0.70*	off slow, altered early
30Apr26 ² SA ²	7	Thirsty Caitlin (Aguilar, Armando)	120	--	5	1	1 ¹	1 ²	2 ^{1 1/2}	3.40	clear to 1/16, nailed
---	3	Sauced Up (Bautista, Alfredo)	115	--	2	2	2 ^{1/2}	3 ^{2 1/2}	3 ^{Neck}	16.10	paused early, 2w, willing
---	1	I'm Smoken Hot (Maldonado, Edwin)	120	--	1	7	3 ^{Head}	2 ^{Head}	4 ^{2 1/4}	7.80	steadied early, inside
30Apr26 ² SA ³	10	Potica (Escobedo, Adrian)	120	b	8	4	5 ^{Head}	5 ^{Head}	5 ⁴	13.60	5-4wide, no response
30Apr26 ² SA ⁵	4	Lihue Princess (Fresu, Antonio)	120	bf	3	3	4 ²	6 ²	6 ^{1 1/4}	8.60	chased 3deep, weakened
30Apr26 ² SA ⁴	9	Pay One More Dream (Orantes, Welfin)	120	--	7	6	6 ^{4 1/2}	7 ⁸	7 ^{7 1/2}	54.30	4deep, angled in turn
---	8	Glorys Morning (Ramirez, Ricardo)	123	bf	6	5	8	8	8	61.00	green/climbed early

Fractional Times: 22.37 46.42

Final Time: 52.77 **Time from Gate:** 55.95

Split Times: (24:05) (6:35)

Run-Up: 80 feet

Winner: Free Closer, Dark Bay or Brown Filly, by Pavel out of No Closing Costs, by Twirling Candy. Foaled Mar 25, 2024 in California.

Breeder: Reddam Racing, LLC

Owner: Reddam Racing LLC

Trainer: McCarthy, Michael

Scratched Horse(s): Babys Gone Country (Also-Eligible), Lipstick Lies (Also-Eligible), Quick Up (Trainer), Soo Bronx (Veterinarian)

Total WPS Pool: \$214,999

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
6	Free Closer	3.40	2.20	2.10	\$1.00 Exacta	6-7	5.00	123,925
7	Thirsty Caitlin		3.80	2.60	\$1.00 Trifecta	6-7-3	32.40	74,551
3	Sauced Up			5.40	\$0.10 Superfecta	6-7-3-1	10.06	56,951
					\$2.00 Daily Double	9-6	36.80	50,238

Past Performance Running Line Preview

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7	Thirsty Caitlin	1	1 ¹	1 ²	2 ^{Nose}
3	Sauced Up	2	2 ¹	3 ²	3 ^{1 1/2}
1	I'm Smoken Hot	7	3 ^{1 1/2}	2 ²	4 ^{1 3/4}
10	Potica	4	5 ^{3 1/2}	5 ⁵	5 ⁴
4	Lihue Princess	3	4 ^{1 1/2}	6 ^{5 1/4}	6 ⁸
9	Pay One More Dream	6	6 ^{3 3/4}	7 ^{7 1/4}	7 ^{9 1/4}
8	Glorys Morning	5	8 ^{14 1/4}	8 ^{15 1/4}	8 ^{16 3/4}

Trainers: 6 - McCarthy, Michael; 7 - Alvarez, Edwin; 3 - Rondan, Felix; 1 - Brinkerhoff, Val; 10 - Hanson, Ryan; 4 - Knapp, Steve; 9 - Alvarez, Edwin; 8 - Morfin, Sergio

Owners: 6 - Reddam Racing LLC; 7 - Lovingier, Terry C., Moroney, John and Warren, Craig; 3 - Gray Farms Inc.; 1 - Bowen, Melinda L., Brinkerhoff, Kelly, Gilbert, Ann, Halpern, Bruce, Halpern, Marilyn, Horwitz, Charles S., Turner, Steven W. and Ward, Rickie L.; 10 - Dacmac Ventures, LLC, Hanson, Ryan and Pimentel, Paul; 4 - Cinema Thoroughbreds, Griffin Stables LLC, Howard and Janet Siegel Racing LLC and Lovingier, Terry C.; 9 - Alvarez, Edwin G. and Lopez, Elifonsa T.; 8 - Jaime Morfin;

Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)

FREE CLOSER shook her head at the start and came away slow, steadied and altered out from behind a rival early, went five wide into the turn, gained ground while angling down to the inside, steered back out late on the bend, closed in from the center of the track and nailed THIRSTY CAITLIN at the wire. THIRSTY CAITLIN sprinted to the front then crossed over bothering a few rivals, showed the way along the rail and came under a ride late on the bend, remained clear into deep stretch, led into the final moments with FREE CLOSER bearing down and got caught on the line. SAUCED UP was prominent early then had to pause briefly when THIRSTY CAITLIN cut in front, chased between rivals into and around the turn from the two path, finished willingly down the lane and earned the show honors. I'M SMOKEN HOT was quickly early from inside but had to steady when THIRSTY CAITLIN came over early, stalked along the rail through the turn, also finished willingly through the lane and got outkicked for the third. POTICA tracked five deep leaving the backstretch, move into the four path on the turn and failed to respond when called upon. LIHUE PRINCESS gave chase three deep to the stretch and weakened. PAY ONE MORE DREAM followed in range four deep into the turn, angled in a few paths around the bend and weakened. GLORYS MORNING raced greenly and climbed in the early going, trailed four then three wide on the turn and was never a factor.